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Internal Revenue Service

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WITHDRAWAL OF LIQUORS FOR USE ON AIRCRAFT; RECIPROCATING COUNTRIES

Proprietors of distilled spirits plants, bonded wine cellars, breweries, and others concerned:

Purpose. This circular is issued to inform you of the provisions of a revenue procedure which will be published in an early issue of the Internal Revenue Bulletin. The revenue procedure will announce the addition of Jamaica to the list of foreign countries to which the reciprocal privileges provided by section 309 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, may be extended, and will advise that ground equipment may be withdrawn under section 309 for aircraft registered in Canada.

Background. Under the provisions of the above-cited section of the Tariff Act, the privilege or withdrawing liquors free of tax or with benefit of drawback, for use as supplies (including equipment), maintenance, or repair, of aircraft registered in a foreign country is extended to aircraft registered in a foreign country only if the Secretary of the Treasury is advised by the Secretary of Commerce that such foreign country allows, or will allow, substantially reciprocal privileges to aircraft registered in the United States. The Secretary of Commerce has advised the Secretary of the Treasury that, except for ground equipment, Jamaica extends such privileges to aircraft registered in the United States and engaged in foreign trade. Corresponding privileges are, therefore, extended to aircraft registered in Jamaica and engaged in foreign trade.

Although Revenue Procedure 69-15 specifies an exception for the country of Canada, the Secretary of Commerce has now found that it allows exemption from tax on ground equipment brought into that country for aircraft of United States registry engaged in foreign trade. Therefore, effective September 17, 1969, ground equipment may be withdrawn under section 309(a)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, for aircraft registered in Canada.

Complete List of Foreign Countries. The complete list of foreign countries to which the privileges provided for by section 309 of the Tariff Act of 1930 may be extended is now as follows:

Argentina Australia Bahama Islands Belgium Bermuda Brazil Canada Chile Costa Rica Denmark Dominican Republic	Ecuador Eire El Salvador Finland France Germany, Federal Republic of* Greece India Israel Italy*	Jamaica* Japan Lebanon Mexico Netherlands Nicaragua Norway Pakistan Panama Peru Portugal*	South Africa* Spain Sweden Switzerland Trinidad and Tobago Union of Soviet Socialist Republics United Kingdom* Venezuela
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* (except for ground equipment).

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